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The European Coaching and Mentoring Research project involved a collaboration with over 50 academics and practitioners, and over 100 professional bodies across Europe.

Introduction

This report provides an overview of the Irish results from *The State of Play in European Coaching & Mentoring (2017)* research project, and compares these with the results from Europe and the UK.

Research method

The aim of the research project was to extend beyond traditional institutional networks and the main European languages (English, French, German and Spanish), to provide a more inclusive research study, recognising the equal value of all European countries, languages and cultures, and of the different professional bodies and institutions.

The research questions were designed by the researchers in collaboration with the EMCC, and were adapted during the development phase. For each country, a research partner or team was identified and a National Research Lead was consulted on whether the survey should be translated, and which language(s) should be used. The National Research Leads led the translation process, which involved initial translation and an independent review.

The survey was launched on 1 March 2017 in 31 languages, ranging from English, Spanish, French and German, to Hungarian, Catalan and Serbian.

The survey was publicised through established coaching federations and management bodies, as well as online through social media interest groups. In total, approximately 100 organisations committed to sharing the research link with their members or to publishing details of the research on their website.

Participants took, on average, 25 minutes to complete the questionnaire.



The development of coaching in Ireland

Over the last decade, coaching as a profession has matured considerably in Ireland. In particular there has been a major expansion of coaching in the area of executive education and development.

Coaching has become a standard feature in areas such as:

- modular leadership development programmes
- graduate development programmes, in conjunction with mentoring
- middle management development
- development of high potential employees

The use of internal coaches is also featuring more and more, with larger organisations developing their own internal coaching panels and supplementing these with external coaches where necessary. This appears to be driven by a desire to embed a coaching culture and coaching style of management into organisations. Coaching standards have also risen, with a marked increase in the number of coaches participating in on-going supervision and pursuing accreditation through one of the main coaching bodies. This is also reflected in the higher coaching standards that the procurers of coaching services are beginning to expect. Organisations are now better informed and more discerning with regard to the standards of coaching provided by both internal and external coaches.

Membership of the three main professional bodies in Ireland is as follows:

European Mentoring and Coaching Council
– 100 (Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland)

International Coach Federation
– 176 (Rep of Ireland)

Association for Coaching
– 350 (Rep of Ireland) and 256 (N Ireland)

Current hot topics in Irish coaching practice include:

Team coaching – developing teams and groups in organisations

High performance coaching – enabling individuals to achieve and deliver high performance

Resilience and stress in the workplace – helping individuals manage workplace pressures in a VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) world

The main providers of coach education in Ireland include: UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, Irish Management Institute, University College Cork, Kingstown College, Irish Lifecoach Institute, Positive Success Group and The Coaching and Mentoring Partnership.

This is not an extensive list and, in addition, many Irish coaches choose to complete their studies at UK institutions such as Ashridge Executive Education, Henley Business School and Middlesex University London Business School.

Billy Byrne
Irish National Research Lead



Biographical information

In total, 113 participants completed the survey from the island of Ireland. This included 94 from the Republic of Ireland and 19 from Northern Ireland. Due to the small sample size in Northern Ireland (which is part of the United Kingdom), the report focuses on the combined data from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. This approach also reflects the fact that many coaches work with clients in both jurisdictions.

Diagram 1: Gender of respondents

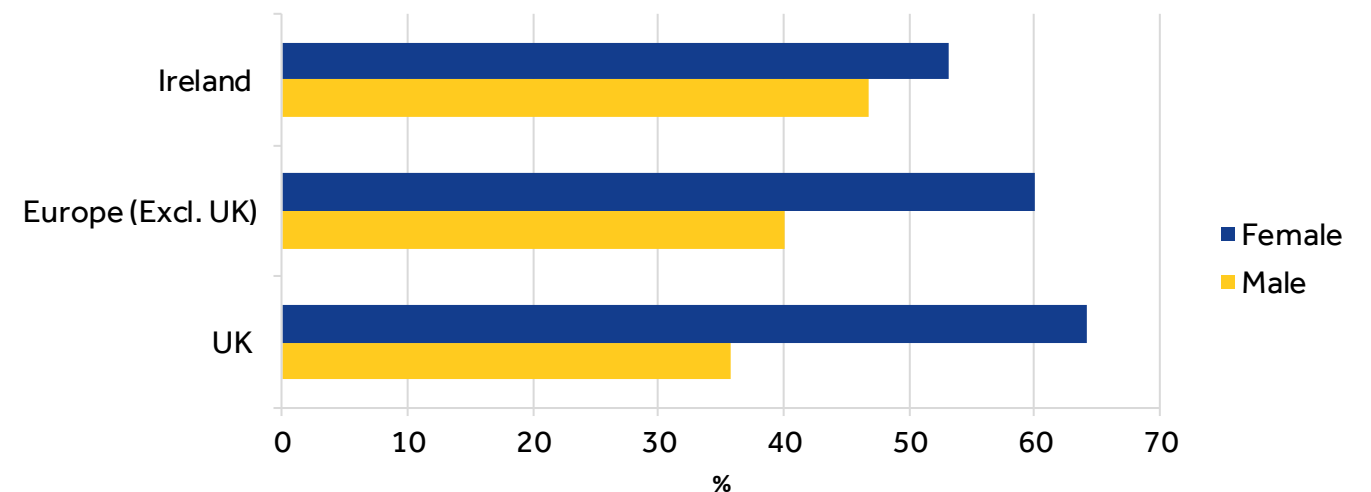
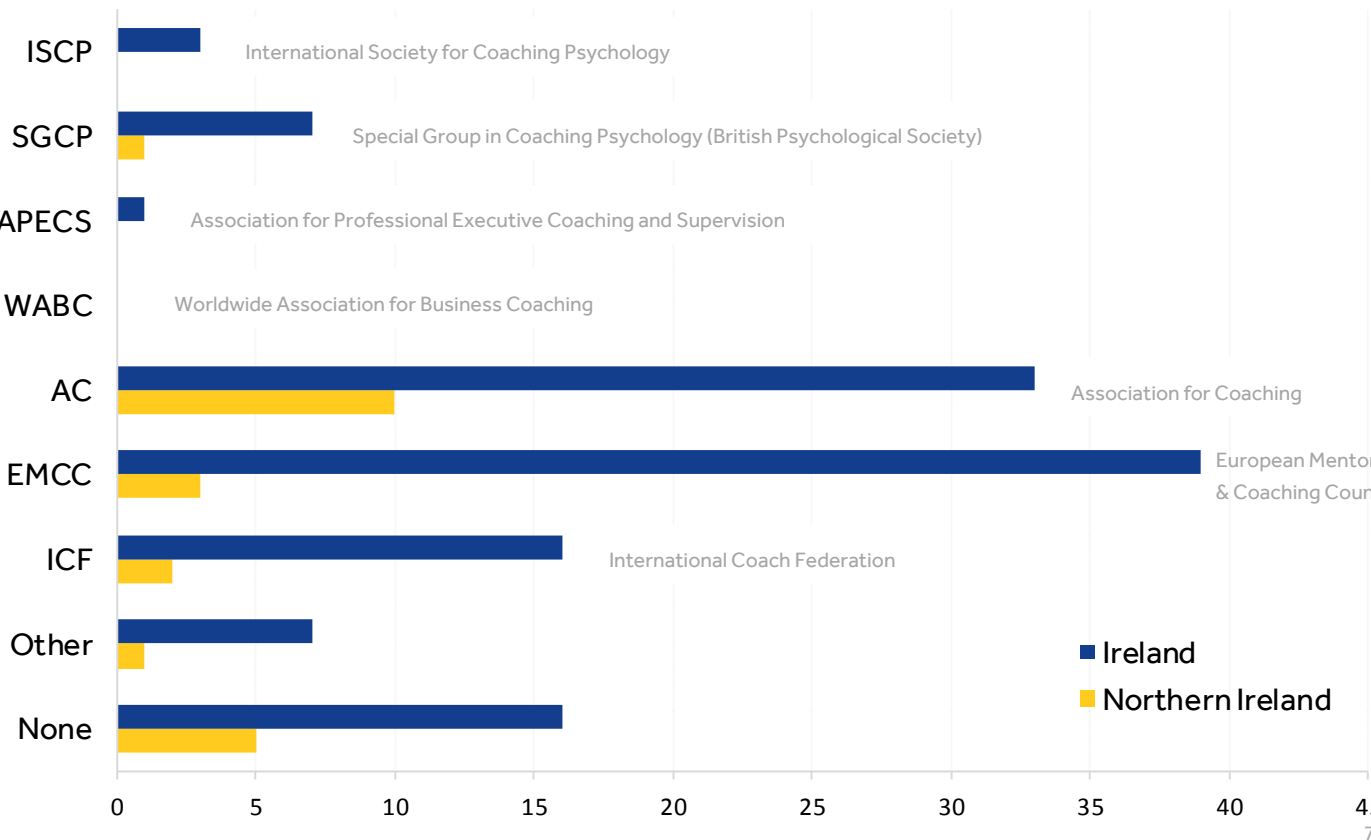


Diagram 2: Membership of professional coaching associations

Q1.6 Which coaching and mentoring bodies are you a member of?



Coaching practice

Diagram 3: Proportion of working time spent delivering coaching

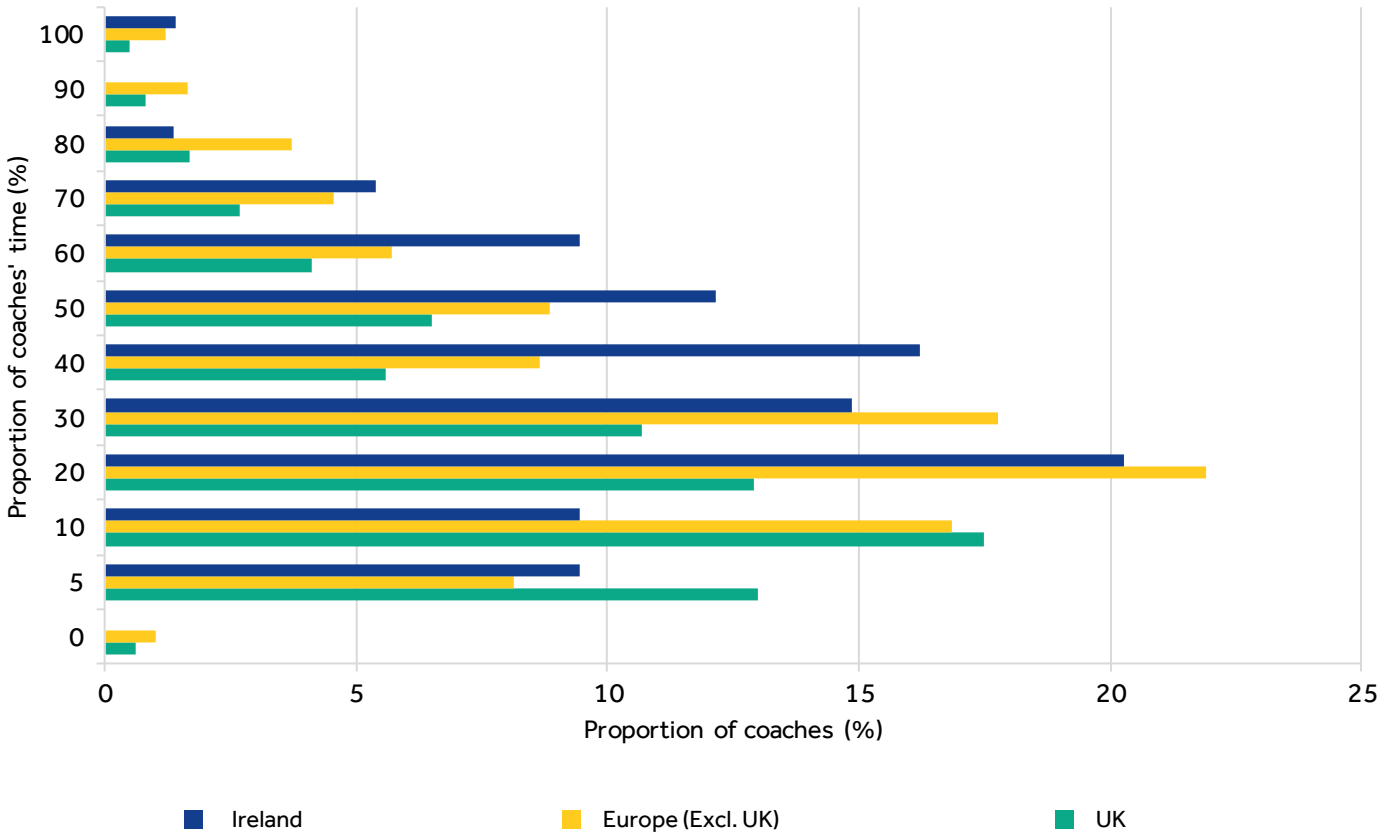
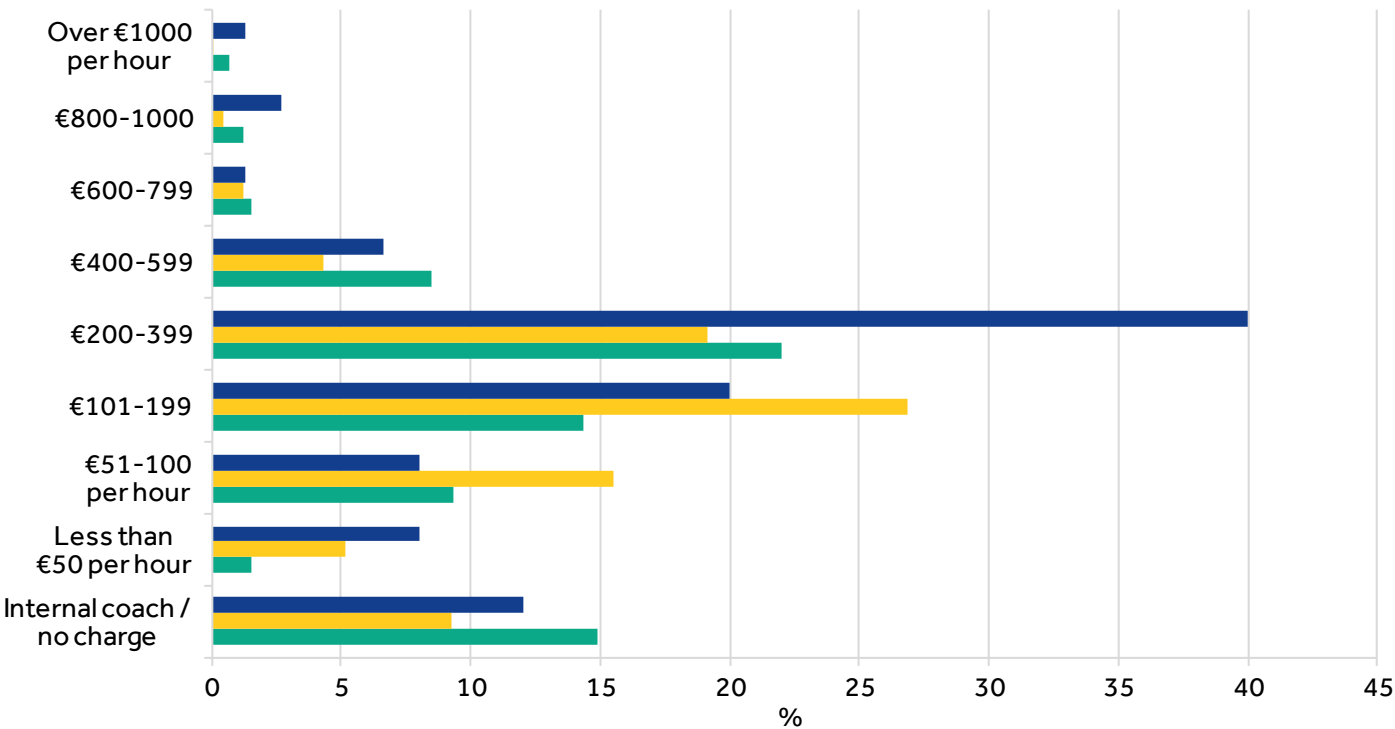


Diagram 4: Hourly fee rates: Corporate funded coaching

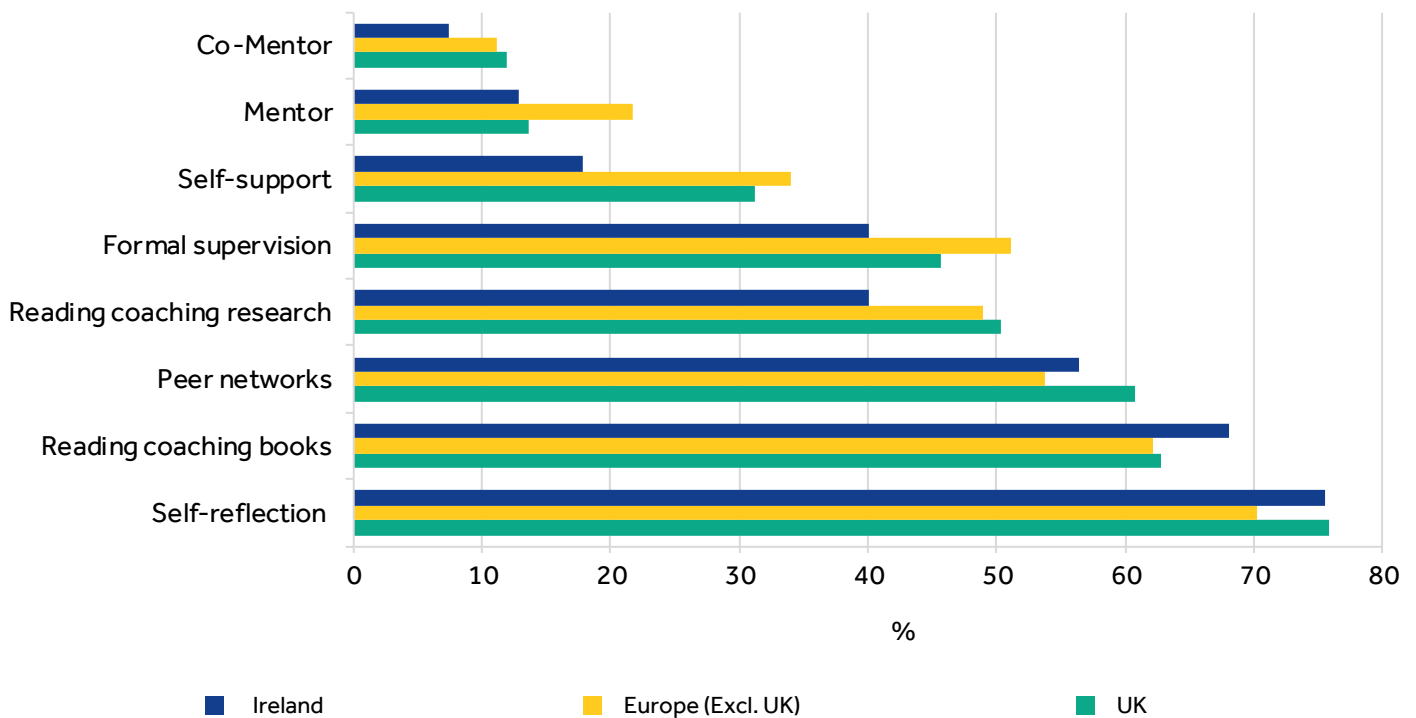
Q5.6 Fee rates for corporate clients



Reflective practice and supervision

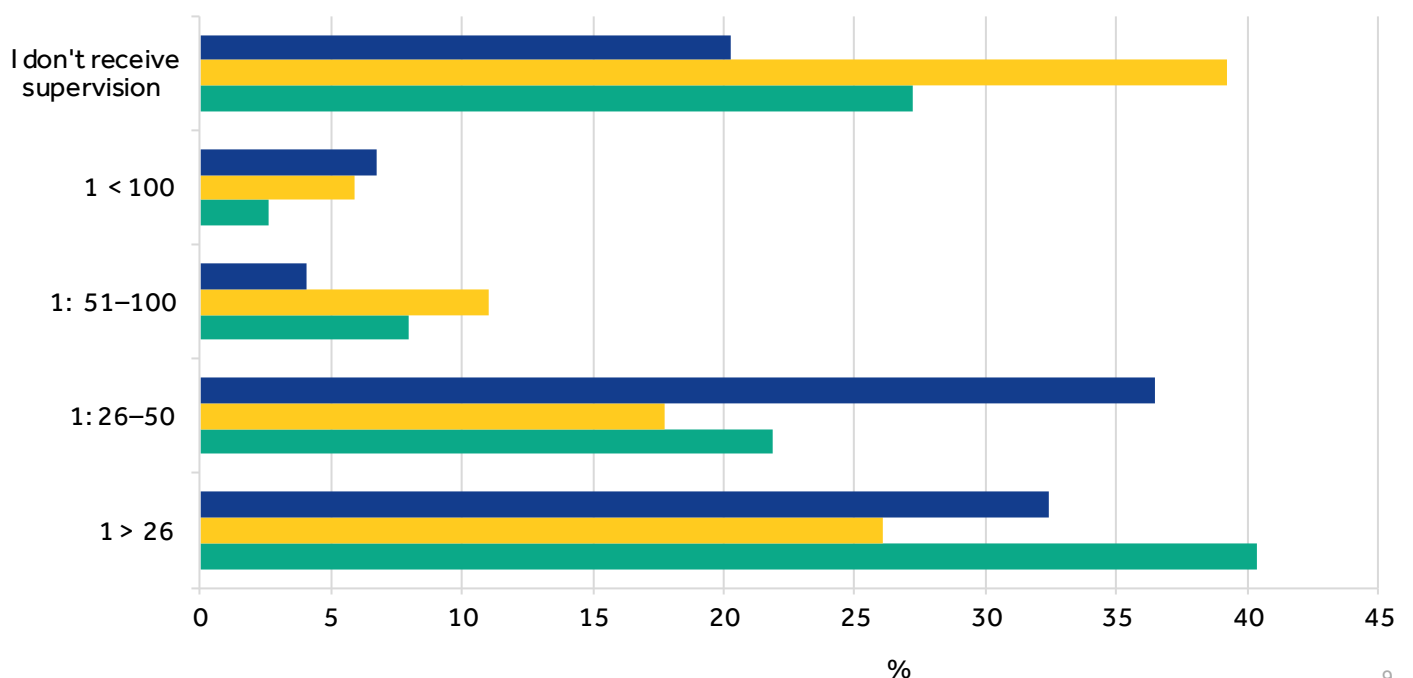
Diagram 5: Methods of reflection

Q6.1 What methods do you use to reflect on your practice?
(You can select more than one option)



**Diagram 6: Frequency of supervision
(based on ratio of 1 hour of supervision per X hours of coaching)**

Q6.4 How often do you receive formal coaching supervision?



Continuous professional development

Diagram 7: Time invested in CPD

Q7.1 How do you divide your working time?

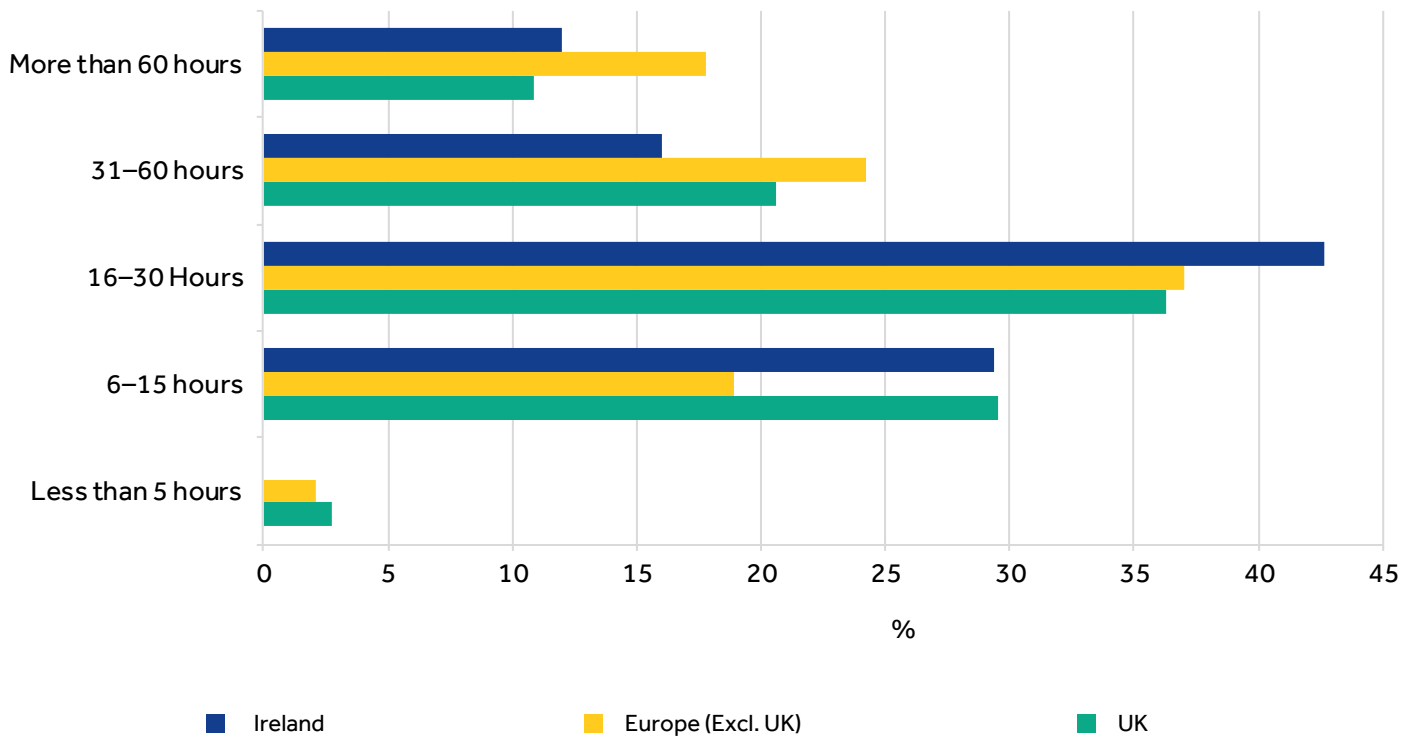
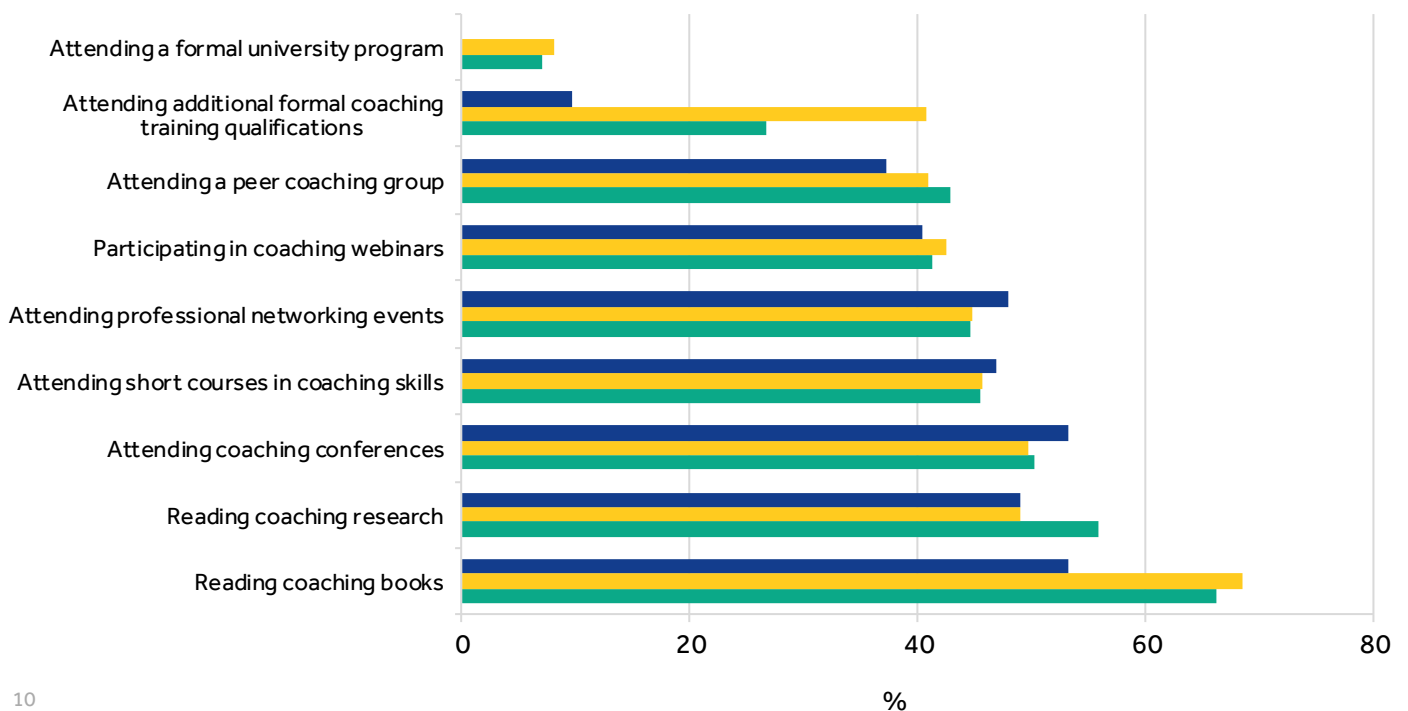


Diagram 8: Keeping up to date

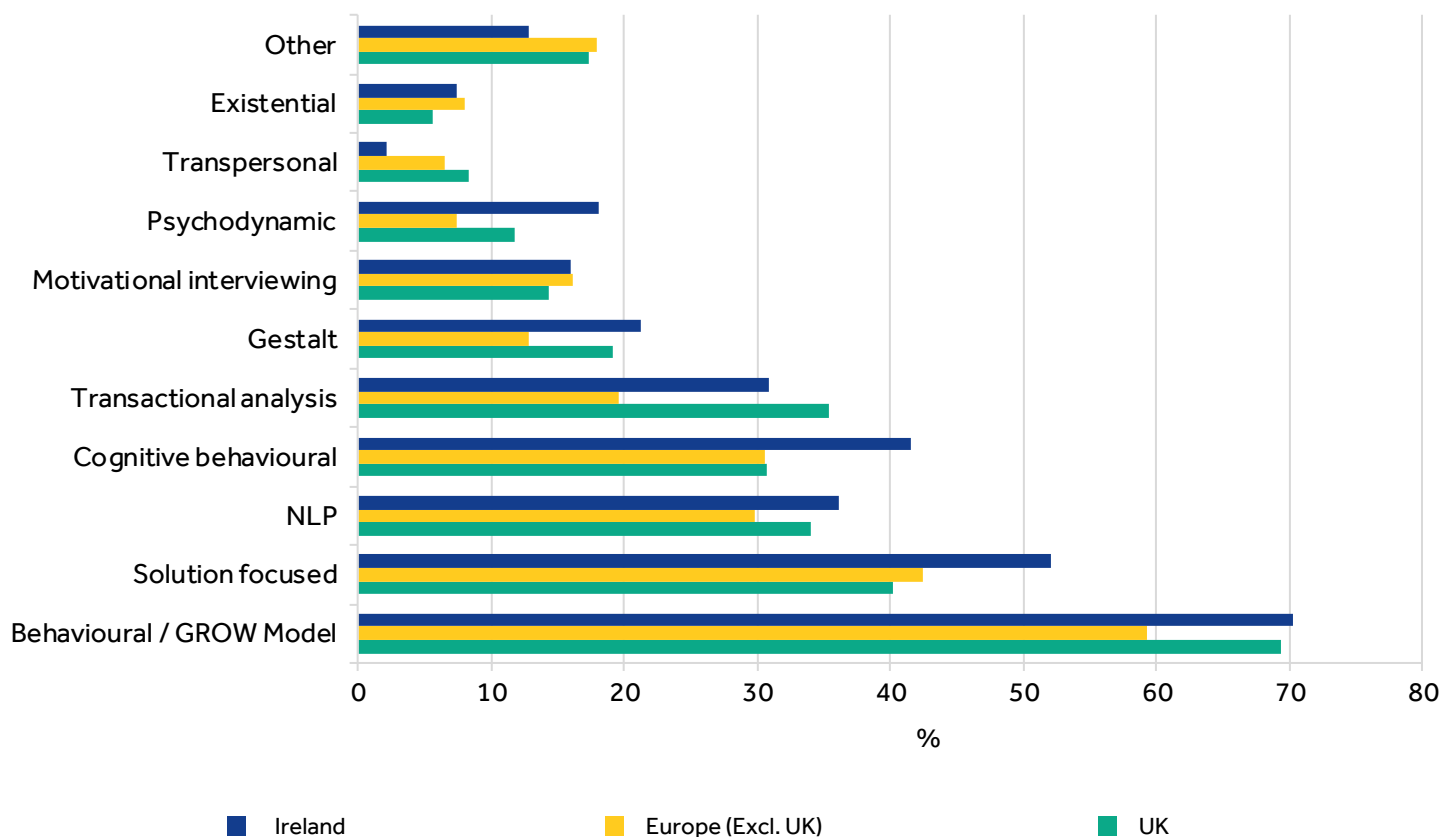
Q7.2 How do you keep up to date in your coaching practice?
(You can select more than one)



Conceptual models

Diagram 9: Coaching practice

Q9.2 Which models do you use in your coaching practice?
(You can select more than one)



Diversity of approaches

Diagram 10: Presenting issue 1 – Career change

Q9.3 What model do you use with the following presenting issue?

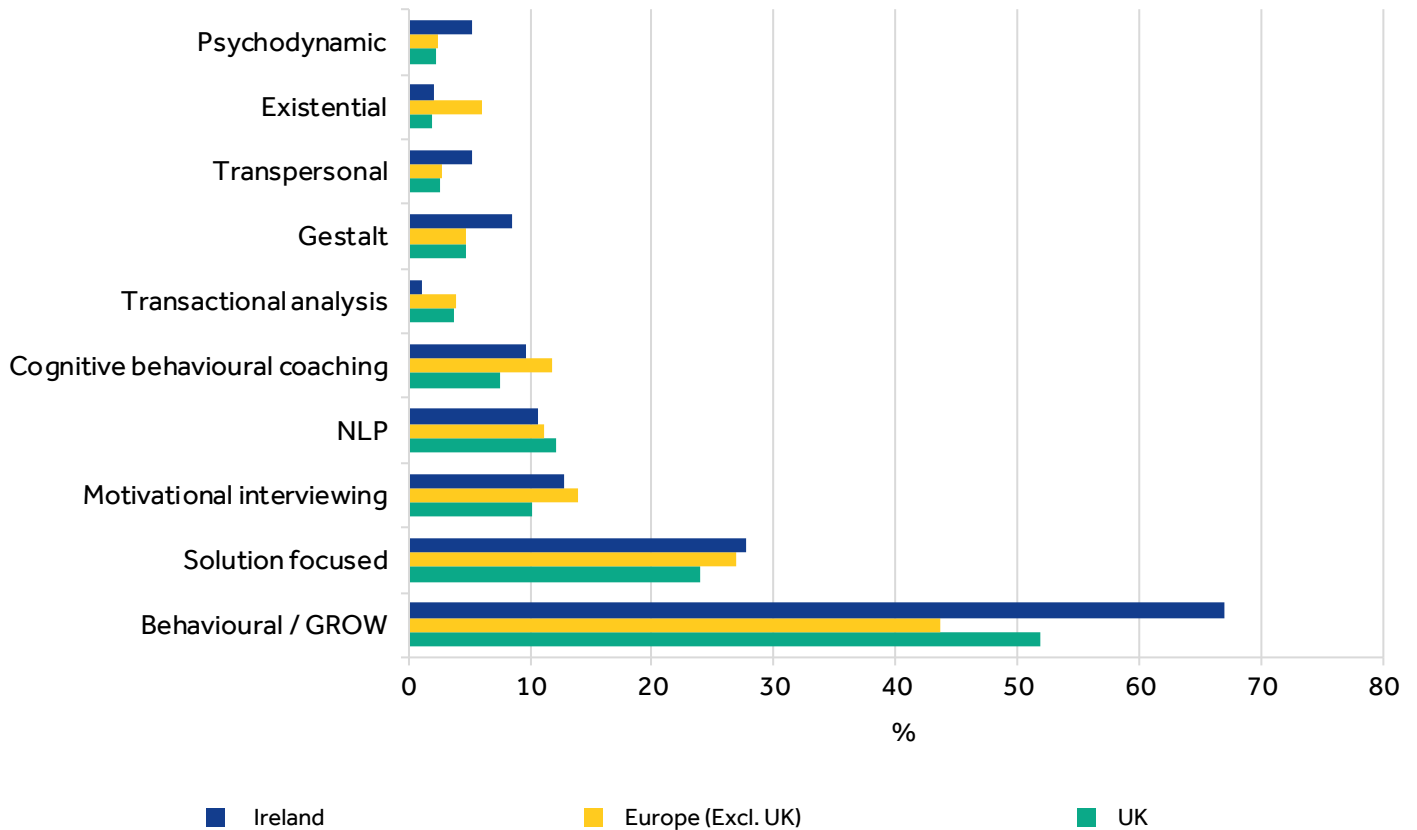


Diagram 11: Presenting issue 2 – Workplace stress

Q. What model do you use with the following presenting issue?

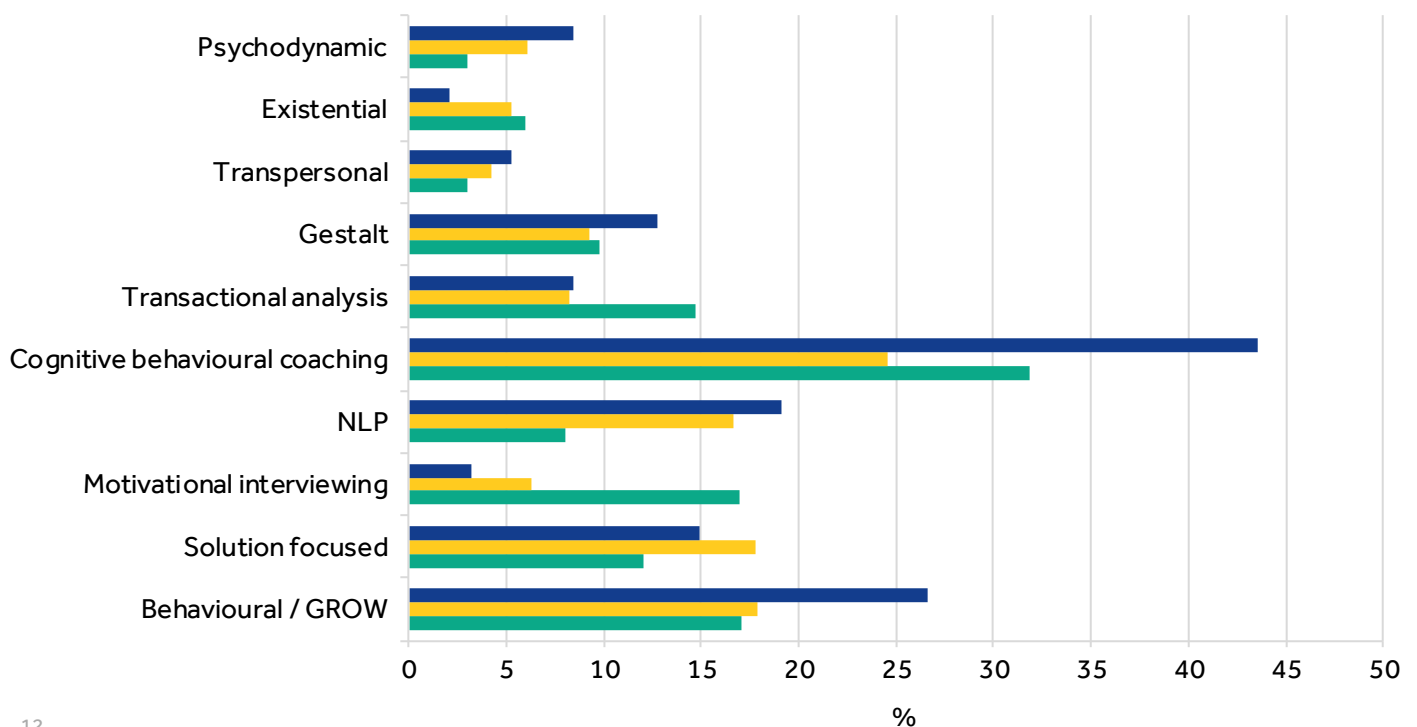


Diagram 12: Presenting issue 3 – Improving presentation skills

Q. What model do you use with the following presenting issue?

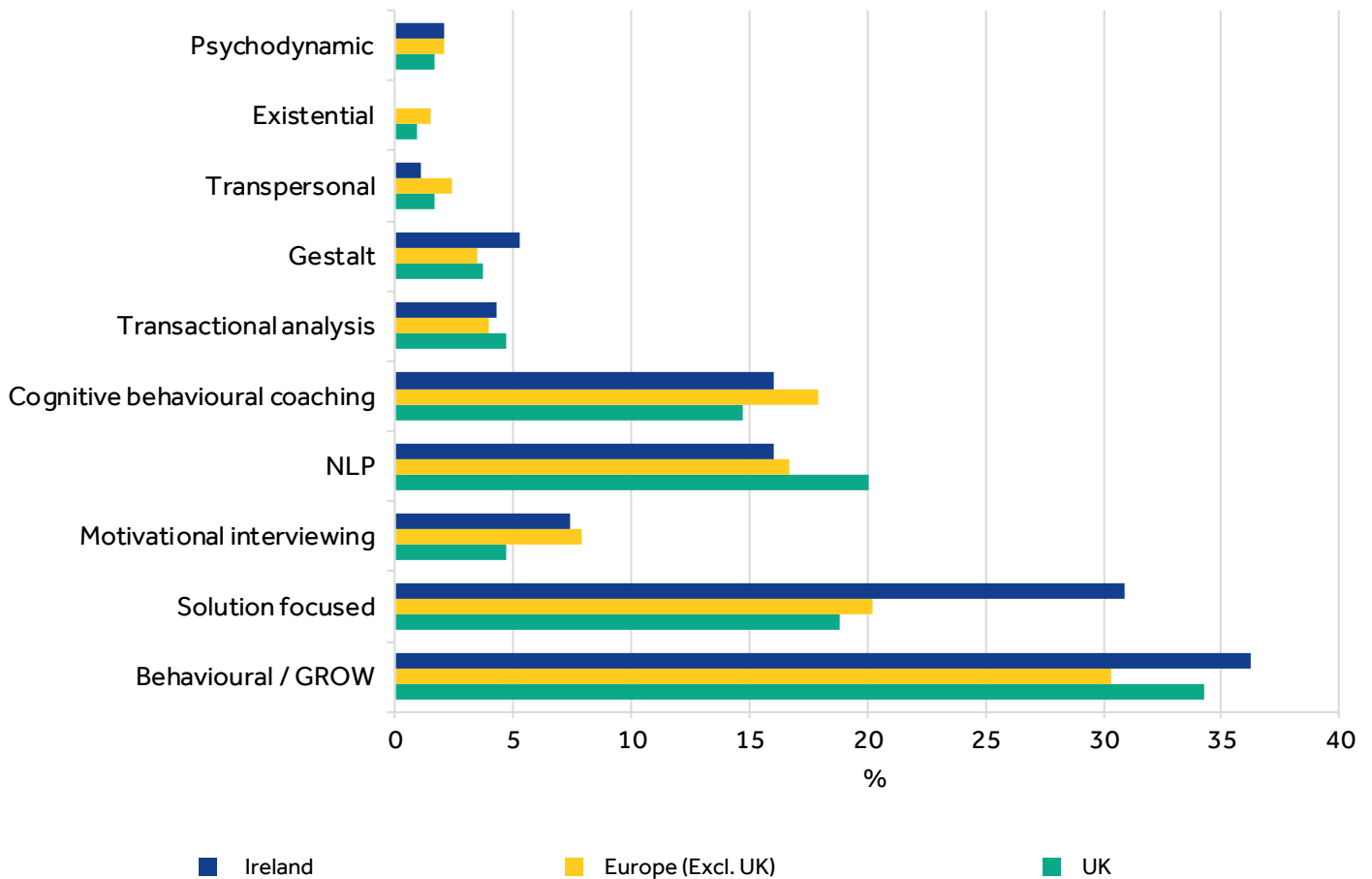
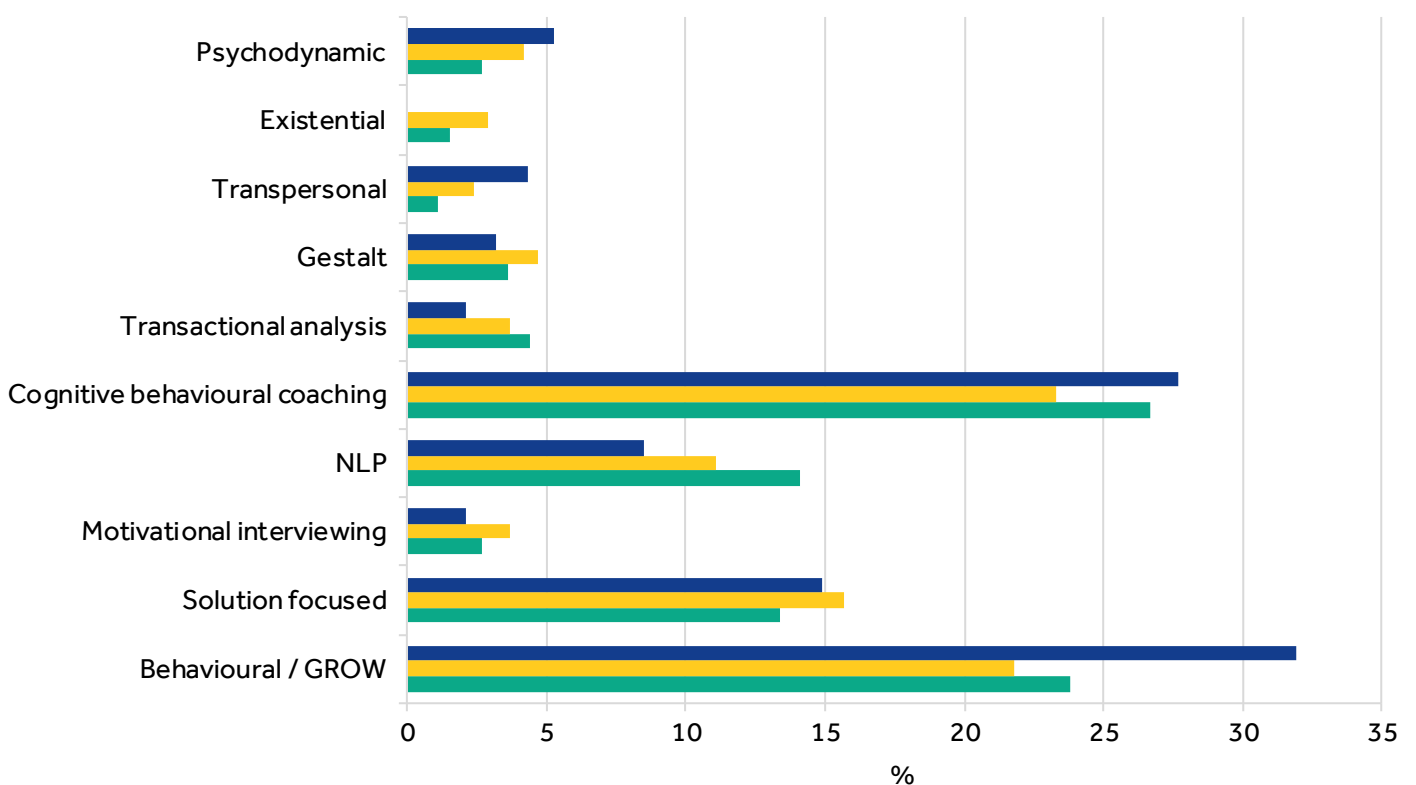


Diagram 13: Presenting issue 4 – Persistent checking of non-work emails

Q. What model do you use with the following presenting issue?



Evaluation

Diagram 14: Evaluating impact

Q10.1 How do you evaluate the impact of your coaching

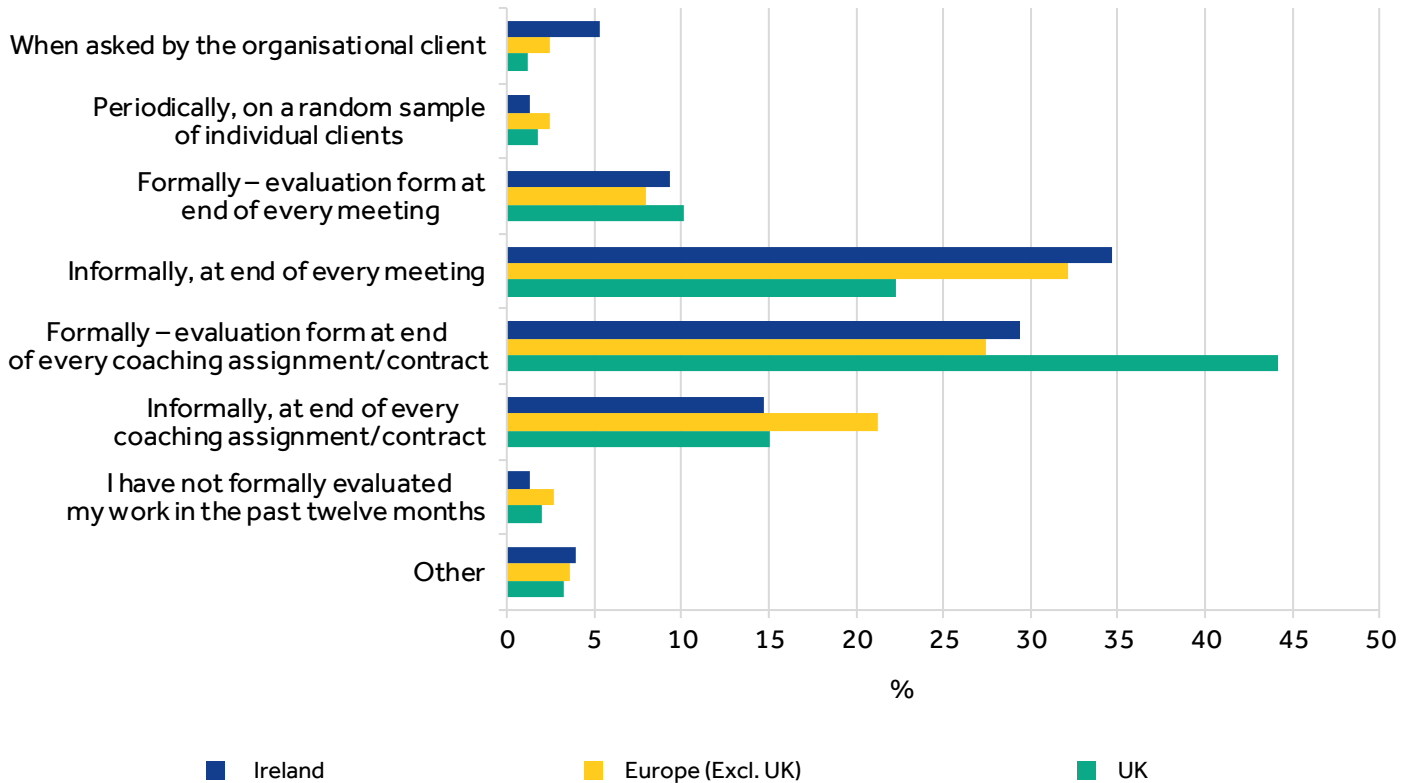
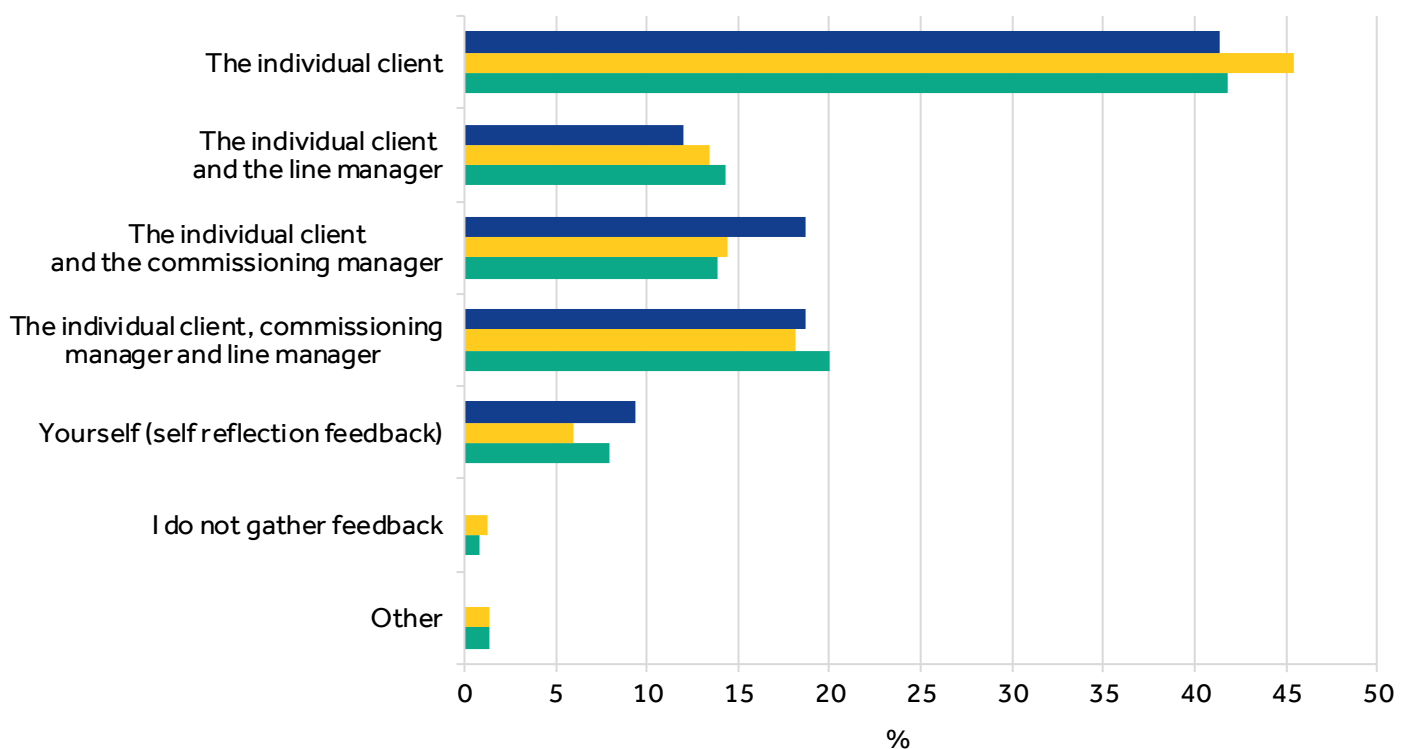


Diagram 15: Gathering feedback

Q10.2 Who do you gather evaluation feedback from in your coaching?



Contracting for corporate coaching assignments

Diagram 16: Contract partners

Q11.1 When you enter into a coaching agreement, who do you contract with most frequently?

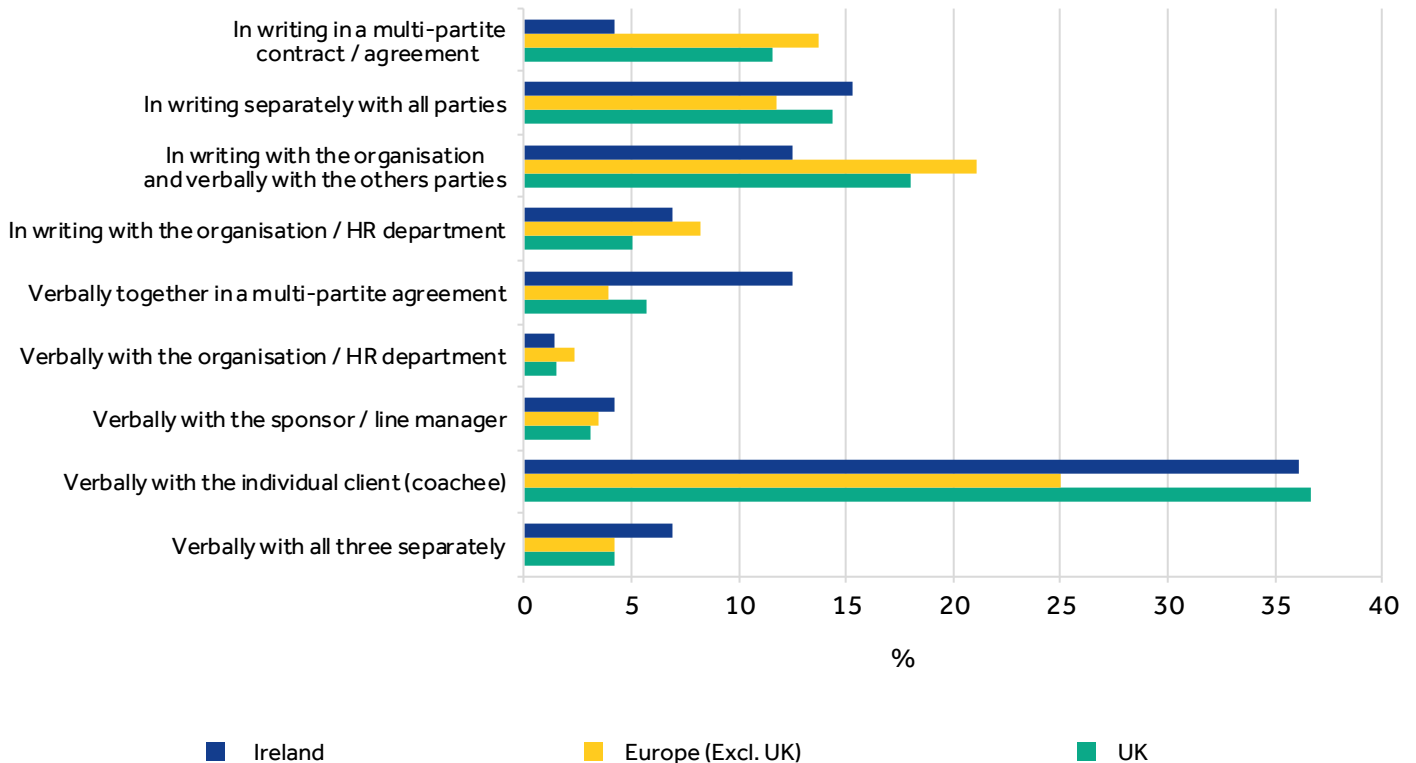


Diagram 17: The primary partners

Q11.2 Who do you believe is the primary client when you are delivering corporate/organisational coaching?

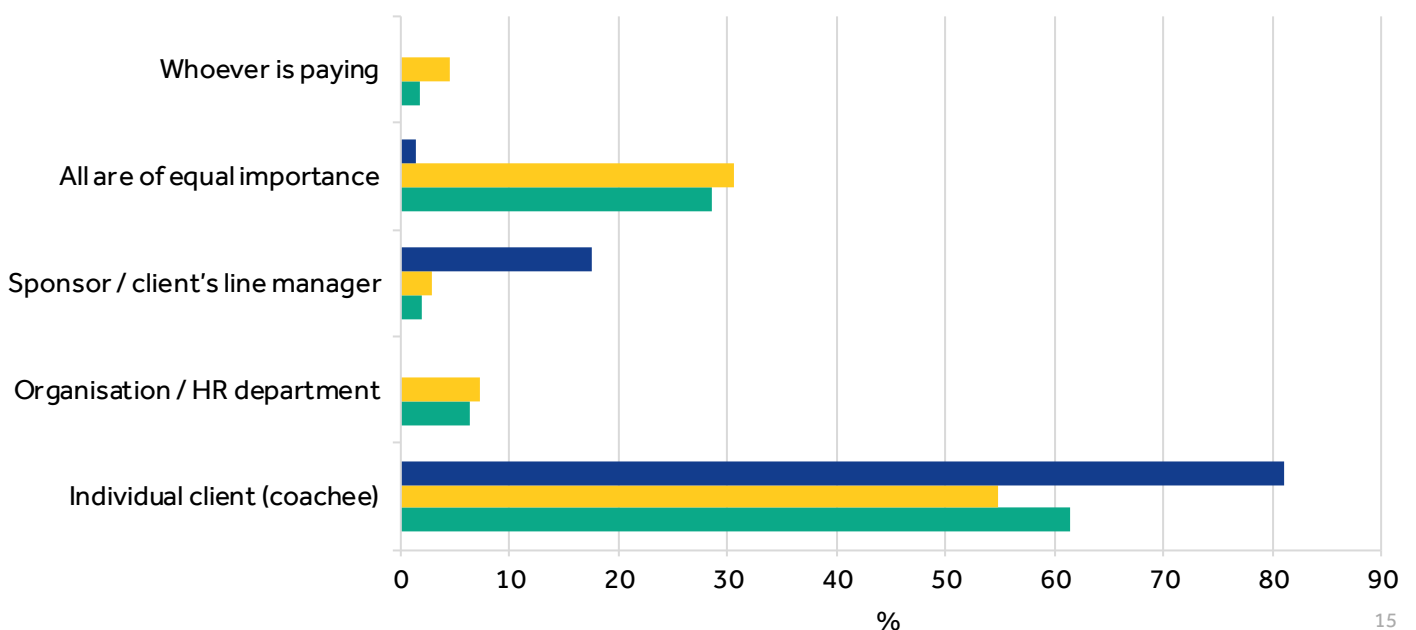


Diagram 18: Contract clauses – Individual client agreements

Q11.3 What aspects are explicitly included in your contract with the individual?
(You can select as many as appropriate)

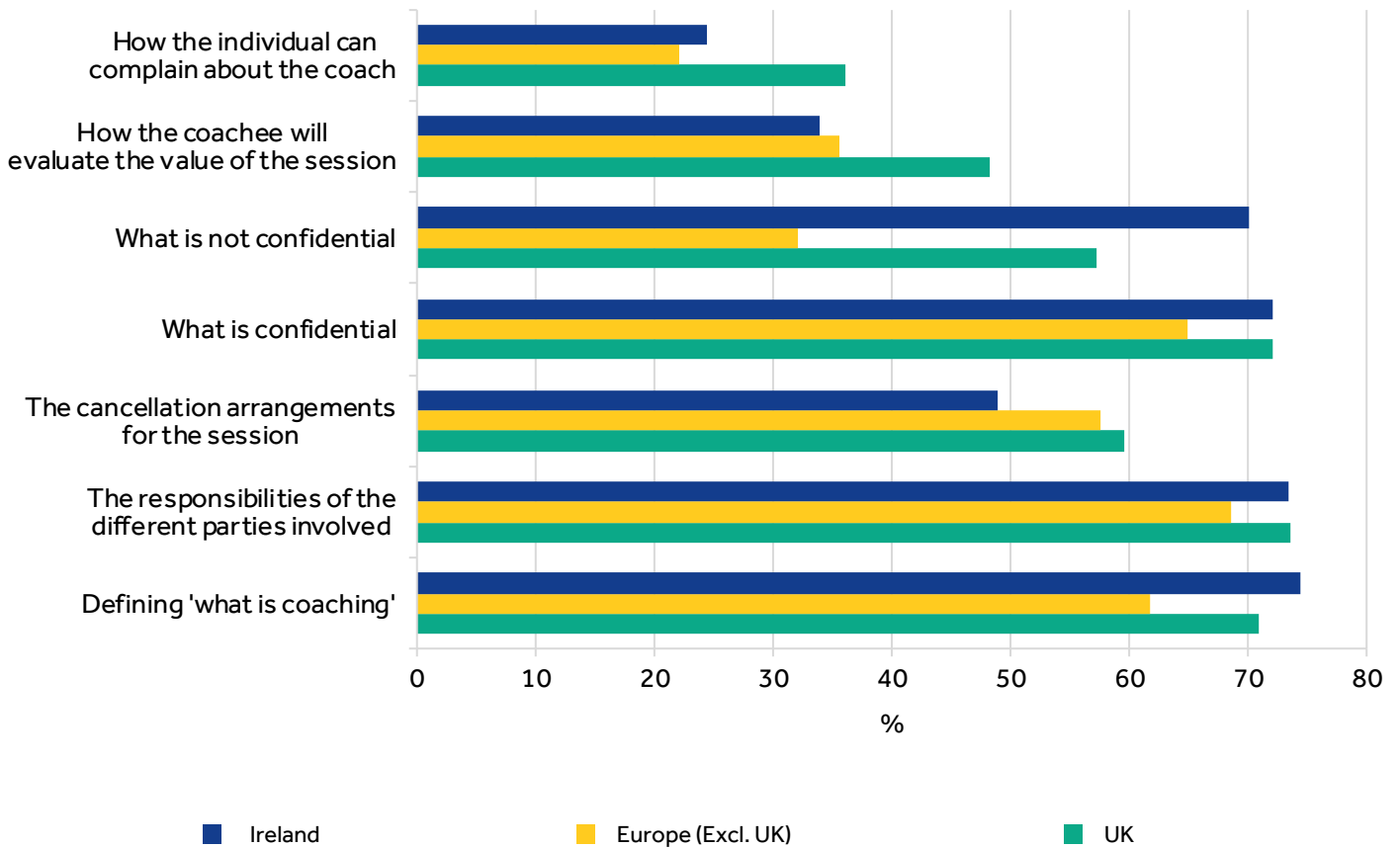
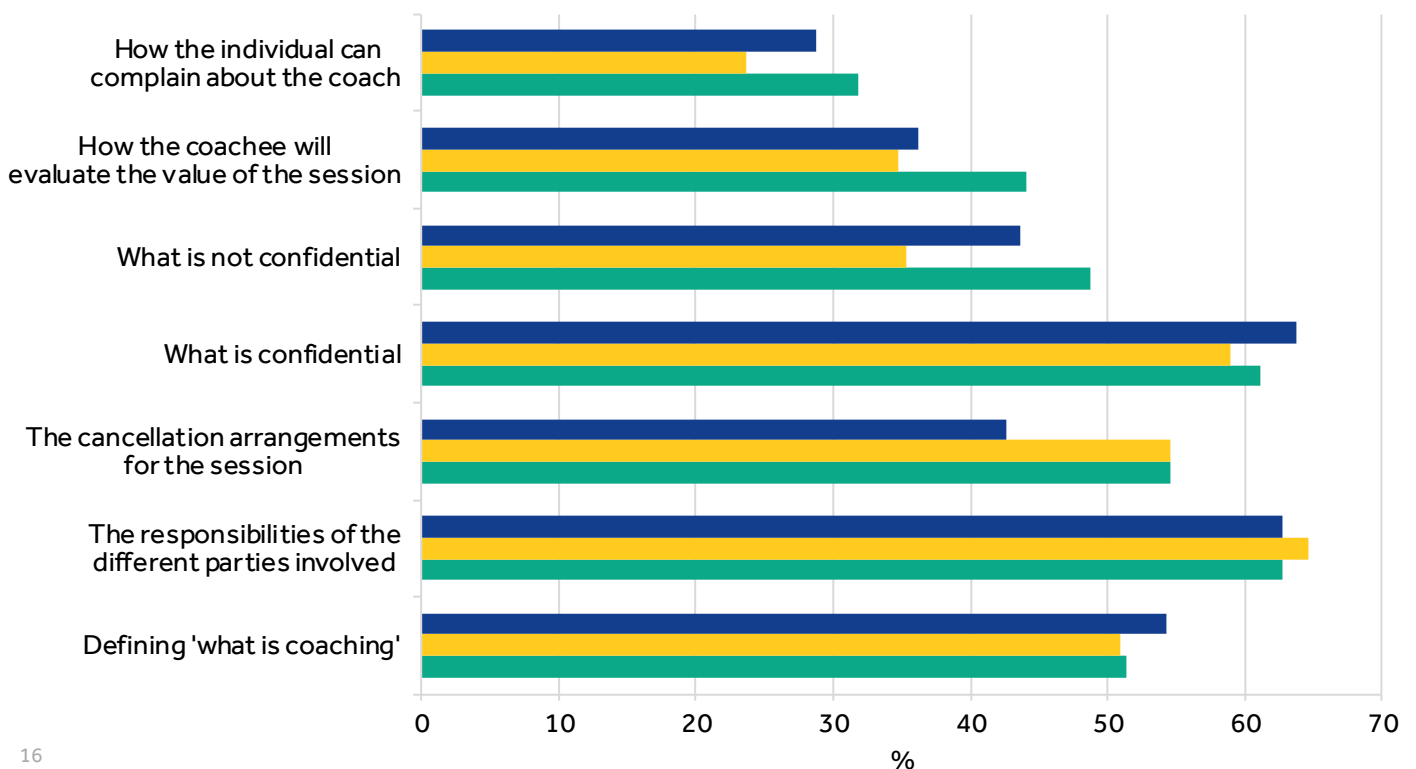


Diagram 19: Contract clauses – Organisational client agreements

Q11.4 What aspects are explicitly included in your contract with the organisation?
(You can select as many as are appropriate)



Coaching ethics

Diagram 20: Sharing ethical codes – 1

Q12.1 Do you share your ethical codes with individual clients?

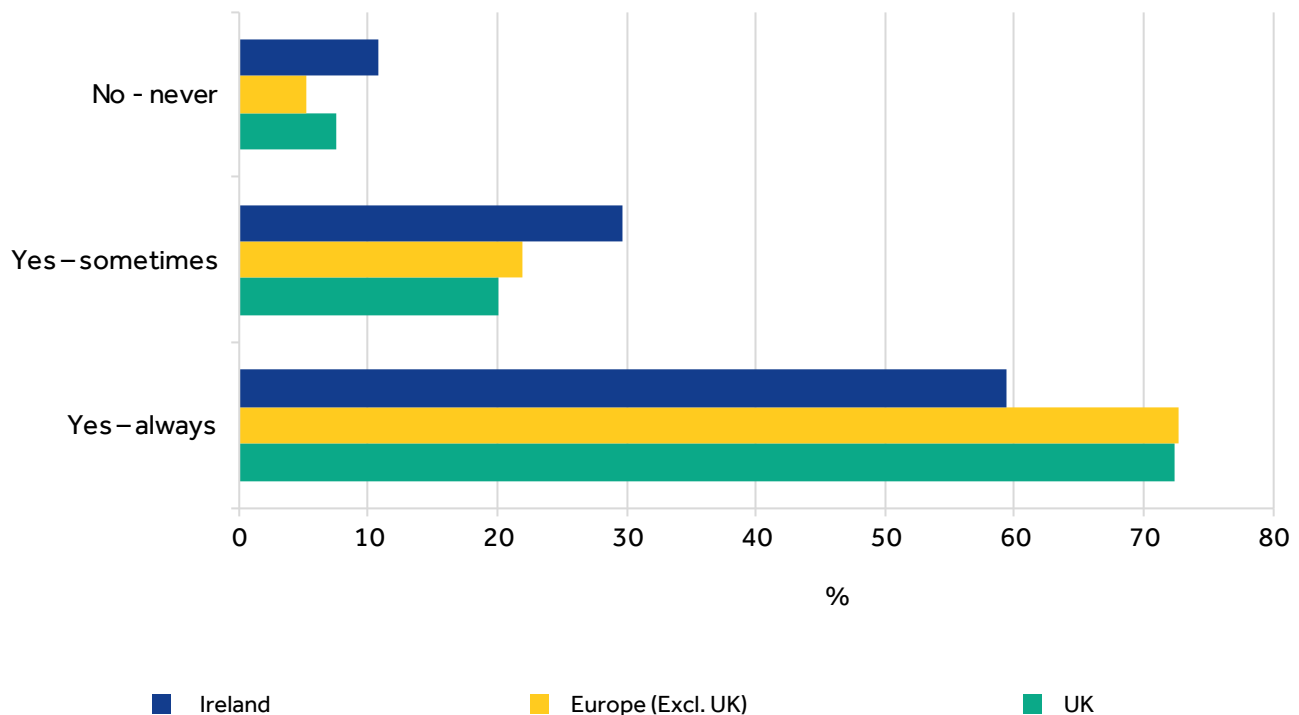


Diagram 21: Sharing ethical codes – 2

Q12.2 How do you share the ethical code with individual clients?

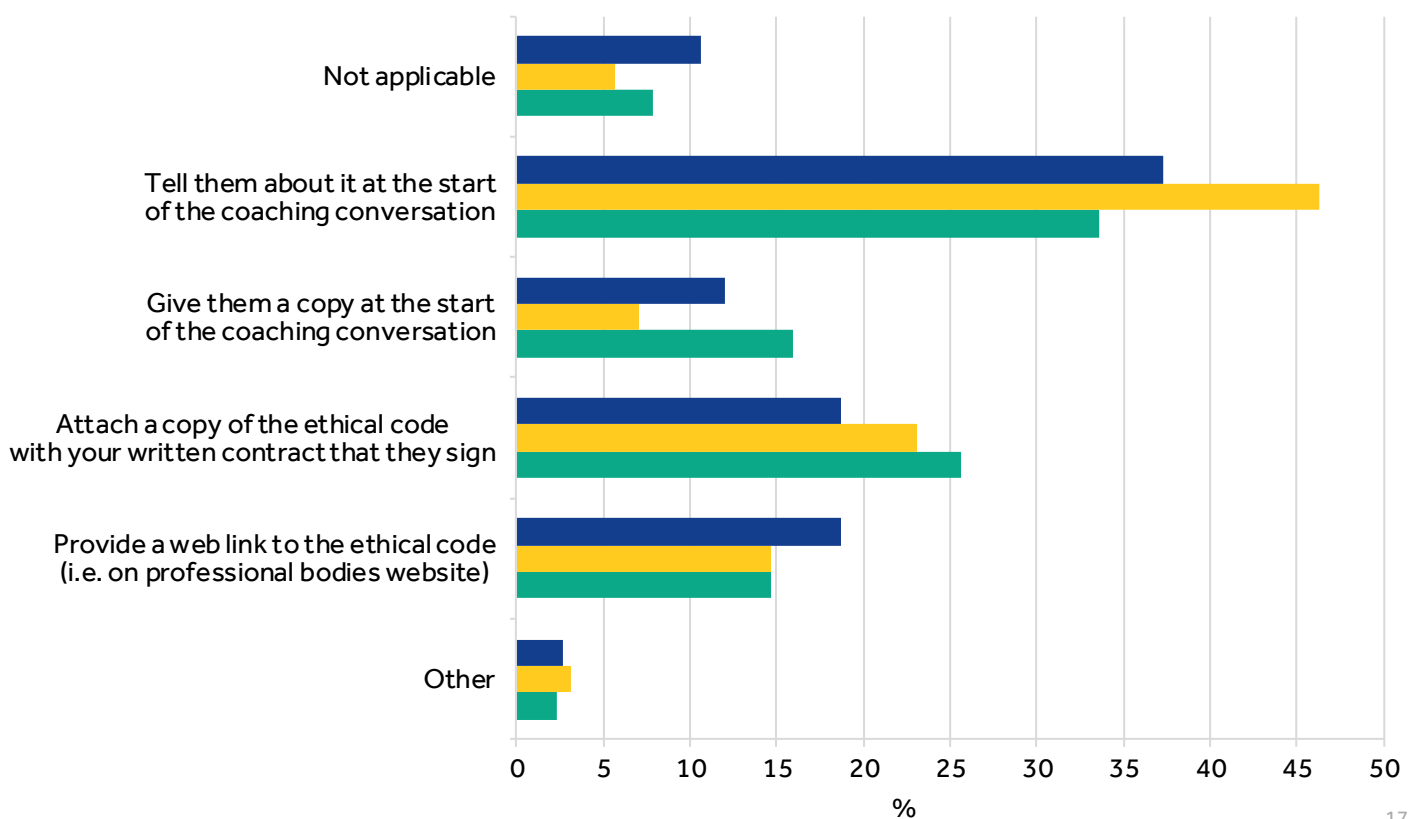


Diagram 22: Ethical dilemma 1 – Coach pays a fee to secure contract

Q13.1.1 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

A coach pays a fee to an individual to gain a coaching contract with an organisation

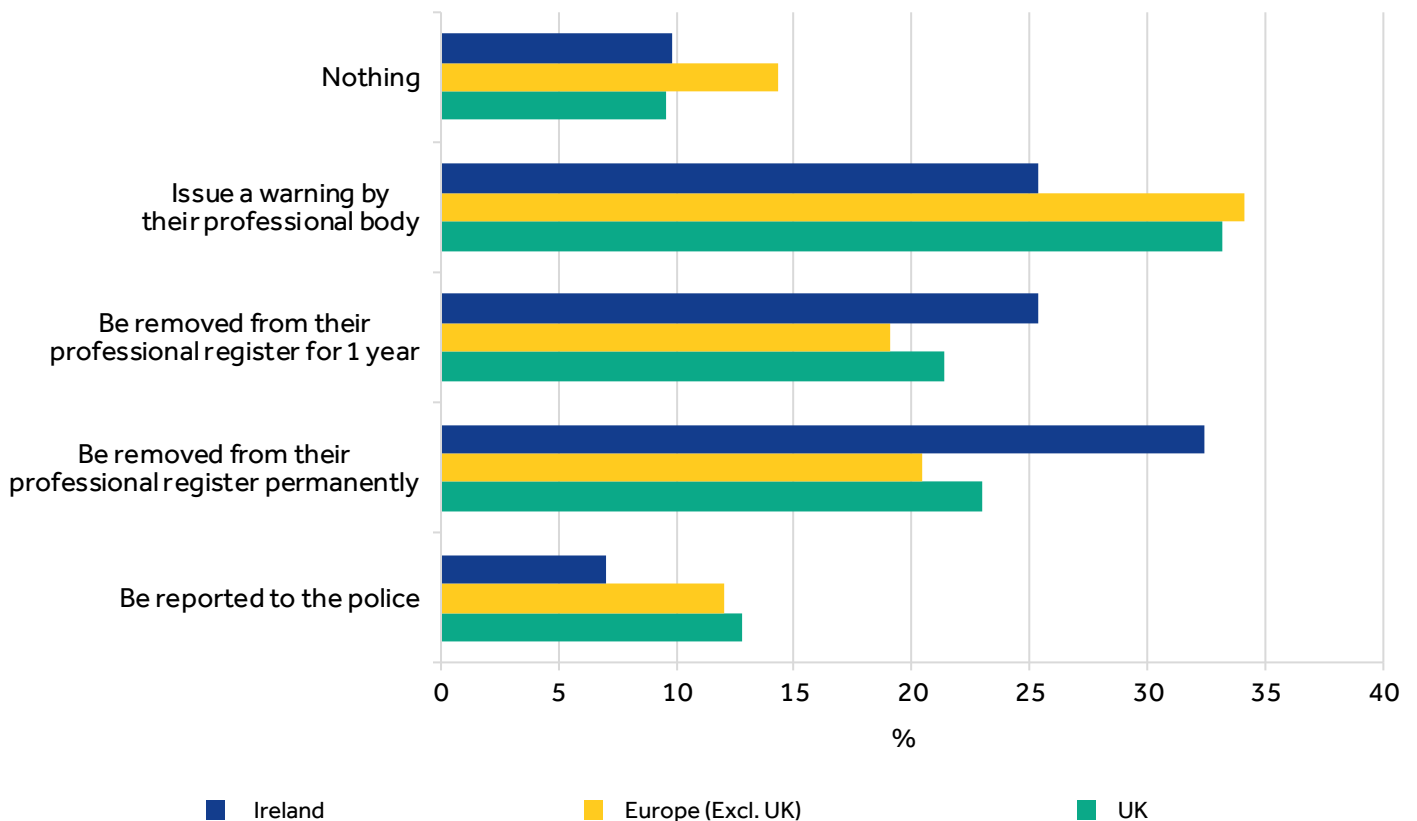


Diagram 23: Ethical dilemma 2 – Coach enters sexual relationship with client

Q13.1.2 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

A coach enters into a sexual relationship with a client during a coaching assignment

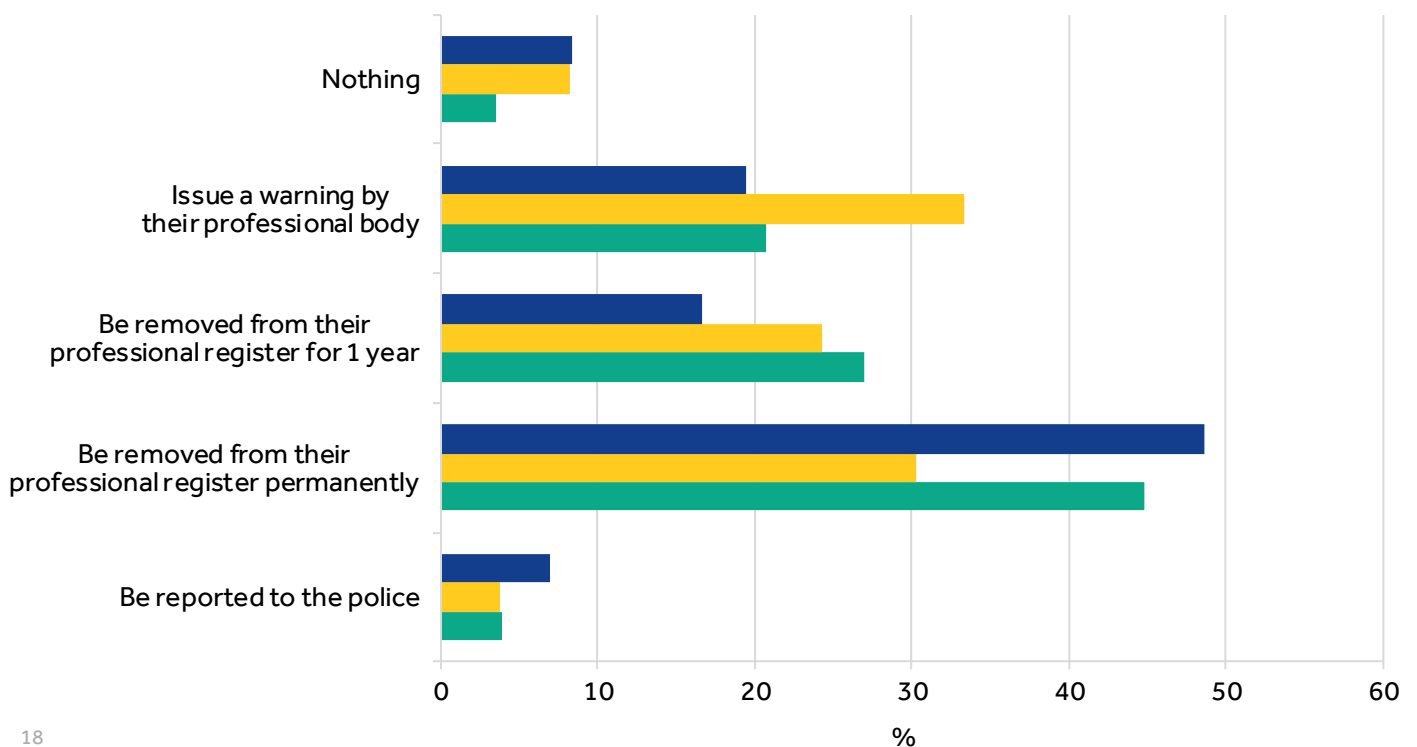


Diagram 24: Ethical dilemma 3 – Coach fails to report low-level drug taking by their client

Q13.1.4 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

A coach fails to report to the appropriate authorities a client who is using low-level illegal drugs

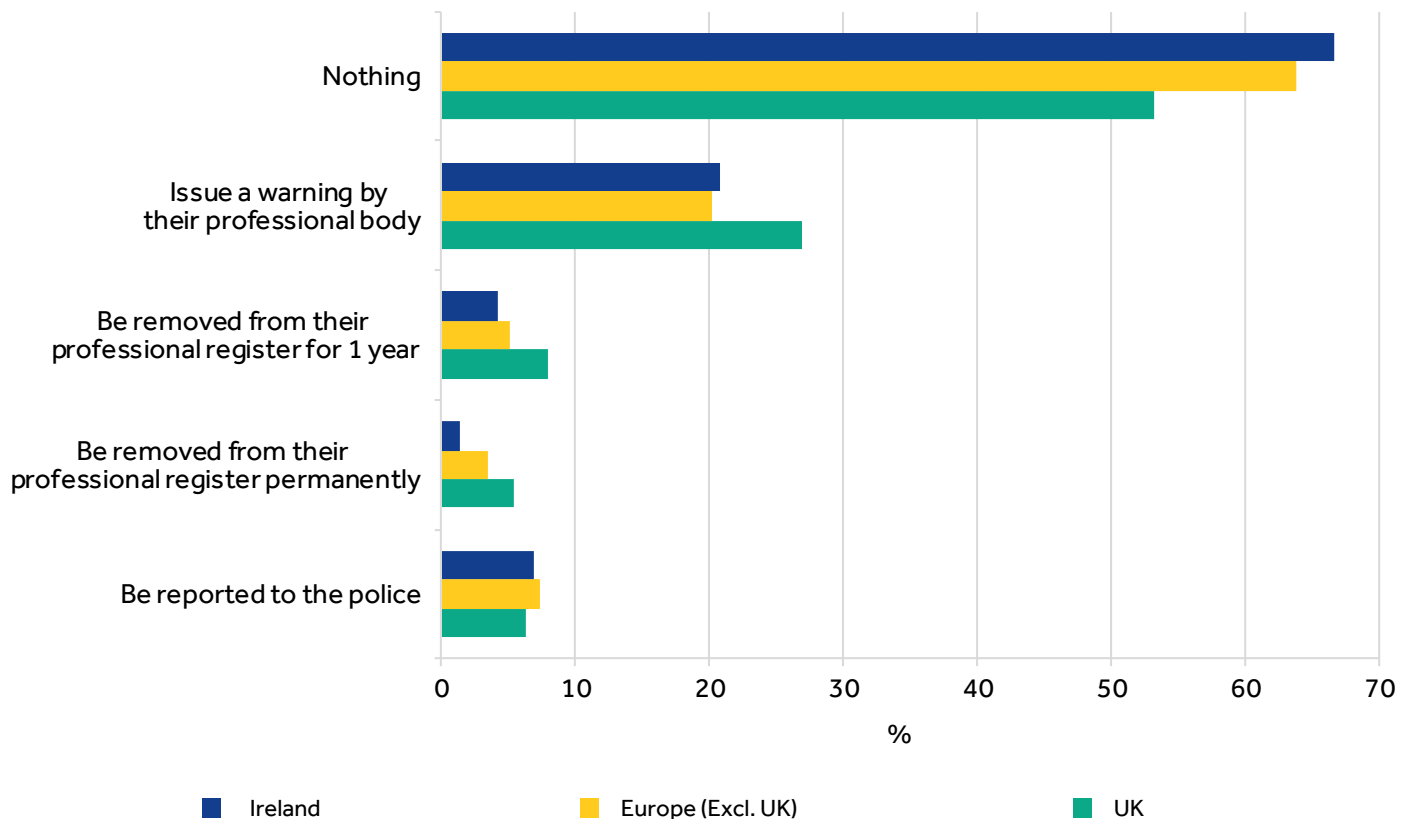
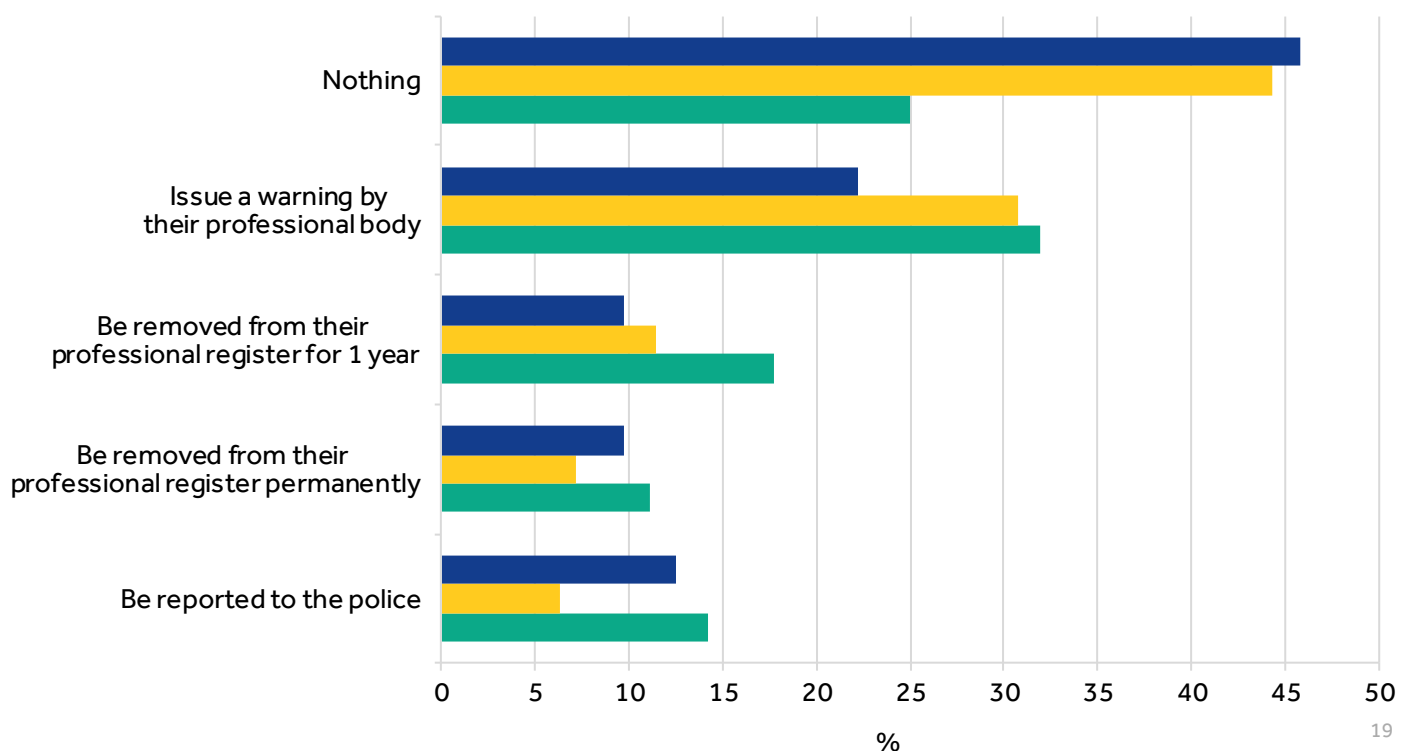


Diagram 25: Ethical dilemma 4 – Coach fails to report theft of commercial information

Q13.1.5 What do you think should happen in the following scenario?

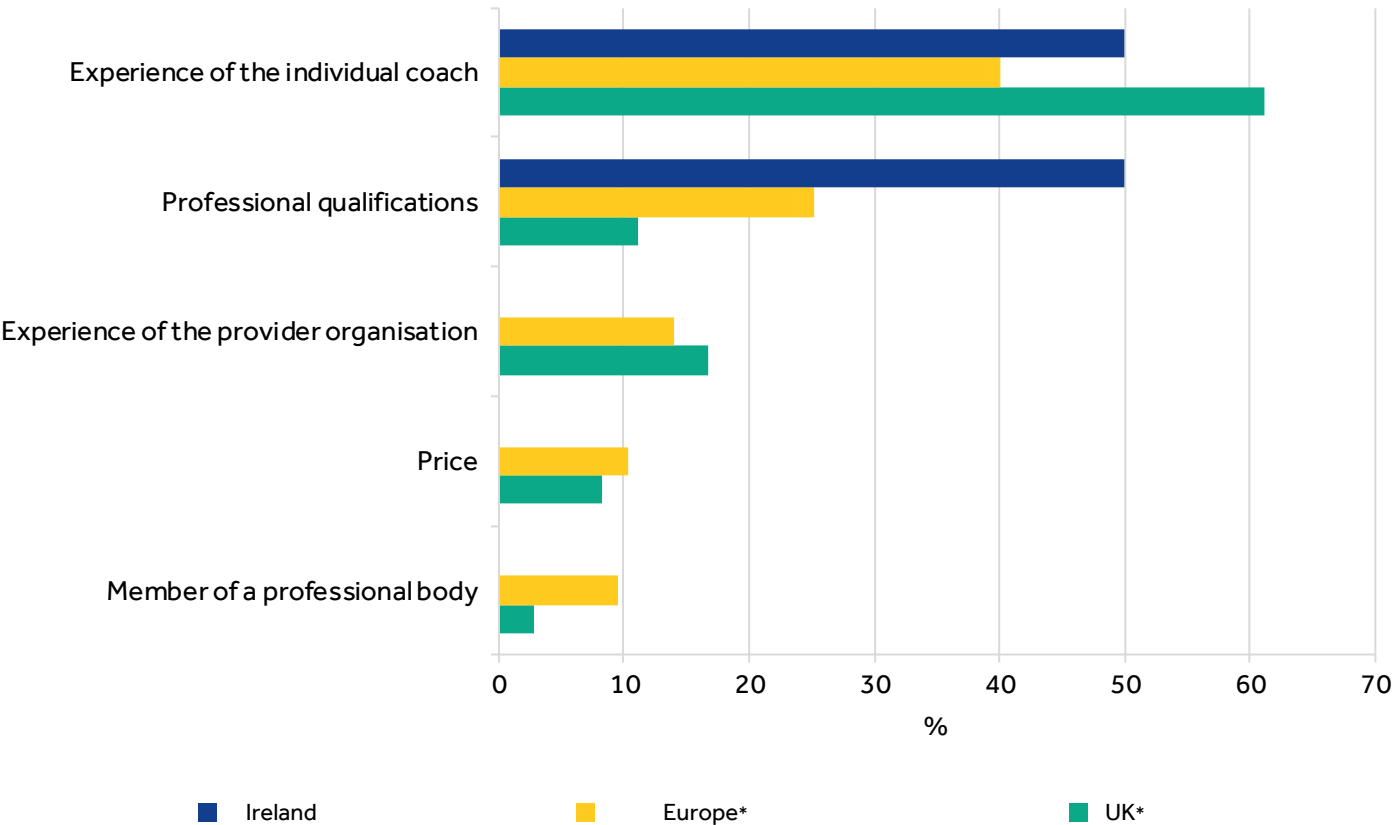
A coach fails to report the actions of a client who has disclosed commercially sensitive information, which has affected the value of the company



Commissioning coaching

Diagram 26: Criteria in coach selection

Q16.1 When commissioning coaching, what are the most important factors (in order of importance)?



* (% of coach commissioning managers)



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- International Coach Federation
- Association for Coaching (Global)
- Worldwide Association of Business Coaches (WABC)

National research partners

- Oil & Gas UK
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- British Psychological Society (BPS)
- British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP)
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